Defalcations in Panchayat Courts.

44. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vytilla).*— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether complaints of defalcations in any of the Panchayat Courts had been reported to them;

(b) if so, of which Panchayats;

(c) what was the extent of the defalcation;

(d) what action, if any, was taken on them?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) Yes.

(b) Kattur and Trikkur.

(c) Rs. 64—4—0 in the Kattur Panchayat and Rs. 545—11—0 in the Trikkur Panchayat.

(d) In the case of the Kattur Panchayat the amount has been recovered from the clerk and he has been dismissed from service. In the Trikkur Panchayat necessary steps are being taken to prosecute the clerk.

Chalakkudi-Annamalai road scheme.

45. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chalakkudi-Annamalai road scheme is now under the investigation of the Government;

if so, what is the financial commitment anticipated;

(b) has there been any undertaking to make the scheme a financial success; if so, what is the nature of the undertaking?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(a) Yes. A survey of the proposed road has been ordered.

The cost of the scheme can be known only after the estimates have been prepared.

(b) No.

46. **Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur Town-South).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it undertakes to connect Chalakkudi with Annamalai by road;

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